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Attorney General John Ashcroft
U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing this letter per Tunney Act criteria expressing my support of the Department of Justice settlement reached against Microsoft. I also hold the view that this being a free country, everyone has the right to free enterprise, and that government involvement should be as minimal as possible in such cases as the antitrust suit. The settlement that was reached will be beneficial to the entire IT industry, not to mention end users of Microsoft's – and other IT companies' – products.

There need not be any more restrictions imposed upon Microsoft. The settlement is fair and reasonable, and, more than anything else, it is comprehensive. The establishment of a "Technical Committee," which will monitor compliance to the settlement, will also arrange enforcement of the settlement. Microsoft cannot retaliate against any computer-makers that may ship software that would compete with the Windows operating system, or against software makers that design products or programs that compete with Microsoft products. In light of this extremely punitive settlement, the company deserves a break from spending more time in the courtroom.

Even though settlement seems to curb free enterprise, it is necessary to settle the case now to help strengthen the economy and end this tax-funded witch-hunt. This has been a real misuse of American taxes and a federal settlement will demonstrate what it means to do the right thing. Thank you for your effort in bringing about the settlement, and please continue to see it through to fruition.

Sincerely,

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